



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Die”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51: 3-4, 12-15

Reading 2: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. What is God calling you to in this moment?
2. Is there something in your life that you can relinquish control of to God?
3. Could Jeremiah have been talking about what is today called a personal relationship with God? Might the sacrament of reconciliation have been foretold by Jeremiah? Are these two for you?
4. Have you suffered from obedience to God? How? What is the reward for obedience? Can you wait?
5. Do you have the strength on your own to follow and serve Jesus, especially when you feel troubled? Have there been times when something (or someone) helped you?
6. Have there been times in your life when things went badly for you, when you suffered seemingly without God helping or answering your prayers, yet later results were better than what you hoped or prayed for? Can you share this with your group?

Gospel [JN 12:20-33](#)

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour'?

But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;

but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said,

"This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world;

now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.